



CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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DISTRICT FOUR

JANUARY 26, 2009 WEEKLY UPDATE



*Councilmember Tony Young at UAAMAC's 14th Annual
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast*

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Tuesday, January 20, 2009 President Barack Obama became our 44th President. I joined the thousands of San Diegans in welcoming in this new era for our country and the world. I was honored and humbled to represent the City at various events held throughout San Diego. Words cannot describe the pride and joy my family, staff, and I felt in sharing this historic time with seniors at George Stevens Senior Center, families at the Jo & Vi Jacobs Centers, youth and community members at Malcolm X Library, and worshipers at various churches throughout the 4th District. I look forward to continuing to work with all San Diegans and my fellow elected officials in what President Obama calls “a new era of responsibility.”

On Wednesday, January 21, 2009 I convened a meeting of the City's Budget and Finance Committee and heard the first public testimony on the City's budget priorities. In recognition of the City's budget deficit of over \$50 million in 2009 and if economic trends continue, over \$100 million in 2010, I called for the public to come before the Budget and Finance Committee and tell the City Council what city services are a priority to you, what ideas you have for cost savings in city services, what city



services you could possibly do with less of, and what city services you may be willing to pay for. Again, as President Obama stated “there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task. The stale political arguments that have consumed us for so long no longer apply. The question we ask today is not whether our government is too big or too small, but whether it works — whether it helps families find jobs at a decent wage, care they can afford, a retirement that is dignified. Where the answer is yes, we intend to move forward. Where the answer is no, programs will end. Those of us who manage the public's dollars will be held to account — to spend wisely, reform bad habits, and do our business in the light of day — because only then can we restore the vital trust between a people and their government.”

I want your help in addressing our budget crisis! I will be convening Budget and Finance Committee meetings on evenings and weekends in various communities throughout the city. **San Diego Speaks: Public Input on Budget Priorities is the agenda item under which you can make your comments and suggestions.** I will also have a survey available at both the committee meetings and on-line which you can also express your opinions. Results of the survey and your suggestions will be compiled and submitted to the Mayor and Council as we deliberate on the City's budget and make difficult and necessary decisions to balance our budget and keep our city the first class city that it is. **I will be joined by members of the Budget and Finance Committee and Mayor Sanders at the evening and Saturday community meetings beginning February 4, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center For Neighborhood Innovation, 404 Euclid Avenue. Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 9:00 am at Miramesa Library, 8405 New Salem Street, and Saturday February 21, 2009 at Hoover High School Auditorium, 4474 El Cajon Boulevard.** Please contact Lea Fields-Bernard of my office at 236-6644 for additional information on locations of community meetings.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

Miss Metro and Miss Teen Metro San Diego 2009 Scholarship Pageant! No Entry fee! Scholarship Prize! Diamond Earrings and Numerous Gifts! Do you consider yourself or know a young woman who can effectively represent her community? Young Ladies must be between the ages of 14-16 years for Miss Teen Metro and 17-23 years for Miss Metro. They must also reside in one of the following zip codes: 92101, 92102, 92113, 92114 or 92139. If you have what it takes or know someone who does please call Miss Barbara at (858) 831-1903.

Apply now for the San Diego Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation 2009 Scholarships for graduating high school seniors in the San Diego City Schools/San Diego Unified School District. Three Scholarships Available! **Two scholarships for \$7,500.00 each! One scholarship**



for \$5,000.00! Scholarships can be used at any four-year, fully accredited college of recipient's choice. **Application deadline: March 31, 2009.** Over \$280,000 in scholarships awarded, to date! Application available online at: www.Carterreese.com; click on community service or, see your high school counselor. For further questions please call Mary Hubbard at (619) 463-1702.

Teachers Use Art to Educate Children on Water Conservation

The City of San Diego Water Department's Ninth Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest! The contest is designed to help all public, private, and home-school teachers use art to teach their students about the benefits of water conservation. The Water Department will accept contest entries through Wednesday, March 25, 2009. Additional information about the Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest, entry form and free activity book are available online at www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation. For more information, call the City of San Diego Water Department at (619) 533-5312.

The Grand Parent's Connection! Grand Parent's Connection is a group of grand parent's, offering support for grandparents or relatives, who are raising children under the age of 18. The group offers open discussion, and guest speakers who focus on issues affection grandparents of other relatives who are raising children with information on resources available on their communities. They meet Thursday Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Tubman Chavez Center (415 N Euclid Avenue). For more information please call Shearl Lambert at (619) 931-9548 or email her at shearl2530@sbcglobal.net.

San Diego Home Loan Counseling and Education Center Home Buying Counseling Services Counselors are ready to assist you in Budget Counseling, Reviewing the home buying process, Explaining various loan programs, Pre-qualification services, Referral, Development of a written home buying plan of action. For more information contact (619) 624-2330 or www.sdhomeloan.org.

GET INVOLVED! Skyline-Paradise Hills Planning Group needs you! If you are interested in recommending and advising the San Diego City Planning Commission and the City Council on changes regarding zoning (building and property improvements), zoning violations, street conditions, traffic signals, speed bumps and conditional-use permits, etc. the Skyline-Paradise Hills Planning Group would like to invite you and other residents and neighbor volunteers from the Skyline and Paradise Hills community to attend every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Paradise Hills Recreation Center, 6610 Potomac St. 92139.

STREET SWEEPING INFORMATION

Street Sweeping provides two primary benefits to the City. The more obvious benefit is the collection and removal of paper, leaves, and other visible debris that collect in the gutters. This debris can block storm water facilities, causing localized flooding during heavy rains. An equally



important, but less visible benefit is the removal of metal particles and other hazardous waste products left by passing vehicles. For more information regarding Street Sweeping please call (619) 527-3482 or visit www.sandiego.gov/street-div/strsweep.shtml.

GRAFFITI INFORMATION

ONE-STOP

City of San Diego Graffiti Control Hotline: (619) 525-8522

GRAFFITI REPORTING

San Diego Police Department: (619) 531-2000

Graffiti Strike Force: (619) 515-2754

Email Pictures to Police Officer Oscar Amado: oamado@pd.sandiego.gov

Online Reporting Form: www.sandiego.gov/graffiti

GRAFFITI REMOVAL CONTACTS-*Know the exact location of the graffiti!*

Urban Corps Graffiti Hotline: (800) 829-6884

Cal-Trans (graffiti along state highways/freeways): (858) 467-4042

If graffiti is not removed within 48 hours call Diane Valdez: (858) 467-4009

Online Reporting Form: www.dot.ca.gov/maintform

SDG&E: (800) 411-7343

Cox Cable: (619) 263-9251

U.S. Postal Service: (800) 275-8777

City Traffic Signs: (619) 527-7500

Traffic Signal Control Boxes: (619) 527-7500

GRAFFITI REMOVAL SUPPLIES

“Paint Bank”- Free recycled paint and supplies: (619) 527-5419

Appointments Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 9:30-1:30 p.m.

Project CLEAN- Linda Pennington (City Heights only): (619) 563-4014

Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association-Jose Lopez: (619) 282-2788

Paint, rollers, brushes, 4 basic paint colors

CITY RESPONSE TIMES FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL

Public right-of-way/City-owned property: 4 days

Private property-responsibility of owner: depends on owner

OTHER CITY RESOURCES

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal: (858) 694-7000

4TH DISTRICT COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP INFORMATION ONLY: PLEASE CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR LOCATIONS!!!

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District.

I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, city staff, non-profit organizations and EDCO Waste & Recycling Services that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in.



Special community cleanup events areas are selected based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

- George Bernard Shaw

I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week:

Coalition of Neighborhood Councils Community Meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Jacobs Center., 404 Euclid Avenue (Jimmie Slack staffs this meeting)

Willie Henderson Recreation Council will be held Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Willie Henderson Rec. Center, 1035 S. 45th Street (Roosevelt Williams III staffs this meeting)

Chollas View Neighborhood Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 6:00p.m at Tubman Chavez Center, 415 Euclid Avenue (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

Chollas Lake Rec. Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2755 55th Street (Roosevelt Williams III staffs this meeting)

Encanto Neighborhood/Recreation Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 6:30p.m at Encanto Rec. Center, 6508 Wunderlin Drive (Roosevelt Williams staffs this meeting)

Greater Skyline Hills Town Council Meeting will be held on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 6:00p.m at Skyline Park Rec., 8285 Skyline Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

Paradise Hills Neighborhood Watch Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2009 at 7:00p.m at United Church of Christ, 5810 Alleghany Street (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

—Dr. Martin Luther King



An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. Please visit the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are. Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

The San Diego Youth Commission is searching for two District Four youth ages 14-22 to sit on their board as Commissioners!

Commissioners advise and provide recommendations to the City Council on pertinent issues to youths. They meet monthly to work on common goals, devise plans, and create policies important to young San Diegans. In addition, the Youth Commission will have the opportunity to develop their own policy agenda and review issues sent to them by the City Council. The San Diego Youth Commission offers youths the opportunity to see first hand how government works and it allows youths to represent themselves and their peers in a positive manner. The Commission is also a fantastic opportunity to bring together young people from various ethnic, socio-economic, and geographic backgrounds to debate issues, create meaningful policies and learn more about other communities in San Diego. For more information or to apply as a Commissioner of the San Diego Youth Commission please contact Jasmine Holt at (619) 236-6644 or jdholt@sandiego.gov.

SAVE THIS DATE:

Water For Children Africa's 12th Africa Trade and Business Conference

Saturday, January 31, 2009: San Diego Super Run 2009 10K and 5K will benefit Water For Children Africa. For more information please contact www.kathylopererevents.com.

The City's Equal Opportunity Contracting Program presents Building Profitable Relationships in 2009!

Thursday, February 5, 2009 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at Balboa Park Club (2150 Pan American Road West). To register visit www.ptac-sandiego.org/workshop.html.

27th Annual Chinese New Year Food and Cultural Fair hosted by the San Diego Chinese Center!

2009 Year of the Ox will be held on Saturday, February 7th and Sunday February 8, 2009 from 10:00am to 5:00pm at Third Avenue and J Street (in downtown San Diego's Asian Pacific Thematic Historic District) Free Admission! For more information, call (619) 398-7025 or check www.sdcny.org for updates.

Diversity Day Fair! Diversity Health & Career Fair All In One! Thursday, February 19, 2009 at the Jacobs Community Center (404 Euclid Ave.) from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Project Employment! Dress code is business attire! Dress to impress and bring plenty of resumes, pens, and your win-



ning smile! For more information please call (619) 277-9099 or visit www.diversitysolutions.us. **The 18th Annual Heritage Day Parade and Festival** in celebration of Black History month will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2009, 10:00am-4:00pm. This year's theme "Your Bridge to Change" will highlight the many individuals and organizations that have addressed community issues and initiated positive change in San Diego's diverse neighborhoods. Following the parade, participants are invited to enjoy free entertainment and activities located in the Market Creek Plaza Amphitheater, 342 Euclid Ave., 92114 in Southeast San Diego. The festival offers a variety of cultural entertainment, food booths, a children zone, vendors and many informative community resources. There are a number of ways to get involved and we would love to hear from you. If you are interested, please call (619) 262-0334 or visit www.heritagedayparade.org.

THANK YOU...for reading my E-mail Message for the Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis, please e-mail me at anthonyyoung@saniego.gov.

